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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and
prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1,
line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This is a continuation-in-part application of
U.S. Patent Application Serial No.09/904,567, filed on July
16, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. application no.
09/380,638, filed September 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No.
6,268,490, which in turn was a national stage under 35 U.S.C.
371 of international application PCT/JP98/00945, filed March
9, 1998, which designated the United States, and which
international application was not published in the English
language.--

REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification is being made to insert proper cross reference information of which the this case is a continuation-in-part.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, has been amended as follows:

This is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/380,638~~09/904,567, filed on ~~March 9, 1998~~July 16, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. application no. 09/380,638, filed September 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,268,490, which in turn was a national stage under , 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application PCT/JP98/00945, filed March 9, 1998, which designated the United States, and which international application was not published in the English language.